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FROM: DATE:

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RE:

History of Property Easement

NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec 2, TWP T48N-R31W, Spurr Twp, Baraga Co

- Original purchase of land was in 1874 by Robert Johnson of Ishpeming. The property changed hands many times over the years.
- The Riipa family purchased the land in 1957 and built camp on said property in the 1960s.
- The original road to the lake from the Kewadin public access road was built in approximately the 1950s by Kimberly-Clark. The road was improved by the Riipa family in the 1970s with permission from the Champion office of Kimberly-Clark.
- Access road from property land on Kewadin Lake Road was sold to Champion International in 1982 from Kimberly-Clark. The deed showed an easement between the two.
- We, the Salmer family, purchased said property in 1985.
- Champion International sold access road land to the State of Michigan in 1987 which showed easement between Champion and the State.
- Kewadin Lake access road property (which intersects our road), was sold to State by Michland. This deed also showed an easement.
- The first letter we received from the State was threatening, saying we were trespassing and road would have to be bermed within 60 days if we failed to show legal easement. This was given with no prior notice, after State having owned access road for the past 20-odd years.
- We had originally felt we had a prescriptive easement to our property, and the first letter from the State showed us trespassing on half a mile of the road, not the entire Kewadin Lake public access road.
- Is it fair for the State to have first right of refusal if we decided to sell our land.
- Regulations say we can only have easement for single family residence when Baraga County has 10 acre zoning. This would be taking away from the value of the land.
- In past letters to the State, my position was I would give an easement for access to lake, through my property, for law enforcement or fish and wildlife management and safety.

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